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TOPIC Military Information from Altenburg

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REMARKS

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1. On three days between 17 and 24 July 1951, 1 officer and about 50 men, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, were repeatedly observed assembling in the yard of the Artillerie Kaserne on the west side of Leipzigerstrasse, Altenburg (N 51/K 27). Three large track-laying vehicles were noticed in front of the garages. No vehicular traffic was observed. Double sentries with rifles stood guard at the barracks gate.

2. On 17 July, 20 officers, 120 men, about 90 recruits and a military band, assembled for roll call in the Infanterie Kaserne on the east side of Leipzigerstrasse. One officer and about 200 men were again observed assembling on 23 July. One 82-mm artillery piece towed by a prime mover and four 45-mm AT guns were observed on 20 July. \* Eight trucks

were repeatedly seen at the 50X1-HUM installation on 20 and 24 July. \*\* The installation was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

3. On five days between 17 and 24 July, some units of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen practicing on the northern edge of Poschwitz Park near Altenburg. The park belongs to Poschwitz Castle which was being used as a home for vacationing children at that time. Materiel of the troops included one 45-mm AT gun and various signal equipment. Prime movers towing heavy artillery pieces were seen in the village of Gerstenberg. \*\*\*

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\* Comment. The information supports the previous impression that artillery components of the 43d Cds Gun Arty Bn or the 38th AT Arty Bn have returned to Altenburg. 50X1-HUM

\*\*\* Comment. Poschwitz is located 500 meters southeast of the barracks 50X1-HUM installations and Gerstenberg 3½ km north.

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